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VIRGINIA'S PRODUCERS EXPECT LOW YIELDS IN 2010

Based on conditions as of October 1, Virginia's corn yields are forecast to average 56 bushels per acre, down 75 bushels per acre from last year. If realized, production would be 17.9 million bushels down 59 percent from 2009. Producers expect to harvest 320,000 acres for grain this year.

Virginia's soybean yields are expected to be 24 bushels per acre which is 13 bushels per acre less than last year. Production is estimated at 13.2 million bushels, down 37 percent from 2009. Harvested acres are at 550,000, down 20,000 acres from last year.

Alfalfa hay production is expected to be down 17 percent from last year to 225,000 tons. Alfalfa yield is expected to average 2.50 tons per acre, .50 of a ton per acre less than in 2009. The forecasted yield for other hay is 1.80 tons per acre. Other hay production is forecast at 2.16 million tons, down 10 percent from 2009.

Cotton producers currently expect to harvest 82,000 acres with an average yield of 673 pounds per acre. Production is expected to total 115,000 bales, down 17 percent from last year.

Burley tobacco producers expect an average yield of 1,800 pounds per acre from 1,600 acres. Production is forecast at 2.88 million pounds, down 1.4 million pounds from last year.

Flue-cured tobacco yield is forecast at 2,350 pounds per acre, up 10 pounds from 2009. Production is estimated to be 41.1 million pounds, up slightly from last year.

Fire-cured tobacco yield is forecast at 1,950 pounds per acre, down 50 pounds from the 2009 estimate. If realized, production would total 1.37 million pounds, up 5 percent from last year.

The forecasted peanut yield of 2,000 pounds per acre is down 1,700 pounds per acre from 2009. Production is forecast at 36.0 million pounds, down 19 percent from last year. As of October 4, harvesting activities had begun with 6 percent of the crop combined.

Apple production in Virginia is forecast at 225 million pounds, down 20 million pounds from last year. As of October 4, fall and winter apple harvest in Virginia was 60 percent completed.

VIRGINIA CROP PRODUCTION

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Crop	Acres Planted			Acres For Harvest			Yield Per Acre			Unit	Production		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
	-Thousand Acres-			-Thousand Acres-			-Units -				-Thousand Units-		
Apples	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Lbs.	226,000	245,000	225,000
Barley	63	67	75	36	43	48	85.0	74.0	67.0	Bu.	3,060	3,182	3,216
Corn for Grain	470	480	490	340	330	320	108.0	131.0	56.0	Bu.	36,720	43,230	17,920
Corn for Silage 1/	---	---	---	125	135	5/	16.0	18.5	5/	Tons	2,000	2,498	5/
Cotton, Upland 2/	61	64	83	60	63	82	908	1,052	673	Bales	113.5	138.1	115.0
All Hay	---	---	---	1,270	1,180	1,290	2.16	2.26	1.85	Tons	2,748	2,668	2,385
Alfalfa Hay	---	---	---	90	90	90	3.00	3.00	2.50	Tons	270	270	225
Other Hay	---	---	---	1,180	1,090	1,200	2.10	2.20	1.80	Tons	2,478	2,398	2,160
Oats 3/	12	12	12	4	4	4	70.0	54.0	44.0	Bu.	280	216	176
Peaches	---	---	---	---	---	5/	---	---	5/	Tons	5.2	5.8	6.5
Peanuts	24	12	18	24	12	18	3,350	3,700	2,000	Lbs.	80,400	44,400	36,000
Summer Potatoes	5.8	6.0	6.1	5.7	5.9	5.7	220	240	200	Cwt.	1,254	1,416	1,140
Sweet Potatoes	0.3	5/	5/	0.3	5/	5/	100	5/	5/	Cwt.	30	5/	5/
Soybeans	580	580	560	570	570	550	32.0	37.0	24.0	Bu.	18,240	21,090	13,200
Tobacco 4/	---	---	---	19.50	20.15	19.80	2,357	2,309	2,291	Lbs.	45,970	46,530	45,370
Flue-Cured Tobacco	---	---	---	17.00	17.50	17.50	2,410	2,340	2,350	Lbs.	40,970	40,950	41,125
Burley Tobacco	---	---	---	2.00	2.00	1.60	2,000	2,140	1,800	Lbs.	4,000	4,280	2,880
Fire-Cured Tobacco	---	---	---	.50	.65	.70	2,000	2,000	1,950	Lbs.	1,000	1,300	1,365
Winter Wheat	310	250	180	280	210	160	71.0	58.0	51.0	Bu.	19,880	12,180	8,160

1/ Silage planted included in corn for grain planted. 2/ Cotton yield in pounds, production in 480 pound net weight bales. 3/ Acres for harvest is grain only. 4/ Includes all types. 5/ Not available.

GRAIN STOCKS: BY POSITION, MONTH, UNITED STATES, 2009-2010 ^{1/}

Date	2009			2010		
	On Farms	Off Farms	Total All	On Farms	Off Farms	Total All
	-1,000 bushels-					
	Corn					
Mar 1	4,085,000	2,869,145	6,954,145	4,548,000	3,145,787	7,693,787
Jun 1	2,205,400	2,056,027	4,261,427	2,131,400	2,178,671	4,310,071
Sep 1	607,500	1,065,811	1,673,311	485,100	1,222,466	1,707,566
Dec 1	7,405,000	3,497,460	10,902,460			
	Oats					
Mar 1	30,200	65,250	95,450	30,900	67,091	97,991
Jun 1	17,480	66,619	84,099	17,600	62,716	80,316
Sep 1	54,500	73,875	128,375	46,750	70,698	117,448
Dec 1	43,000	67,629	110,629			
	Barley					
Mar 1	44,310	84,791	129,101	67,370	89,985	157,355
Jun 1	27,010	61,723	88,733	40,440	75,059	115,499
Sep 1	154,050	85,414	239,464	126,570	98,424	224,994
Dec 1	114,630	91,759	206,389			
	All Wheat					
Mar 1	280,400	759,664	1,040,064	348,250	1,008,107	1,356,357
Jun 1	140,745	515,760	656,505	209,900	765,737	975,637
Sep 1	836,000	1,373,338	2,209,338	826,000	1,632,849	2,458,849
Dec 1	558,800	1,222,891	1,781,691			
	Soybeans					
Mar 1	656,500	645,289	1,301,789	609,200	660,868	1,270,068
Jun 1	226,300	369,859	596,159	232,600	338,523	571,123
Sep 1	35,100	103,098	138,198	35,400	115,721	151,121
Dec 1	1,229,500	1,109,050	2,338,550			

^{1/} Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

Potatoes: Planted, Harvested, Production and Farm Disposition, Price and Value, 2009 Crop

State	Planted	Harvested	Production	Total used for seed	Farm Disposition			Price per Cwt.	Value of	
					Where Grown		Sold		Prod.	Sales
					Seed, Feed, Home	Shrink And Loss				
			1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	Dollars	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Virginia	6,000	5,900	1,416	96	2	40	1,374	16.00	22,656	21,950

Turkeys: Number Raised by State and United States, 2009-2010

State	Number Raised ^{1/}		2010 as % of 2009 Percent
	2009	2010	
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	
North Carolina	35,500	31,000	87
Virginia	17,000	15,500	91
West Virginia	3,300	2,500	76
United States	247,359	241,913	98

^{1/} Excludes young turkeys lost.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	Virginia			United States			Parity Prices September 2010 ^{9/}
		September 2009	August 2010	September 2010	September 2009	August 2010	September 2010	
		-Dollars-			-Dollars-			
Wheat (Winter) ^{2/}	Bu.	3.74	5.96	6.20	4.20	5.48	5.97	14.60
Corn	Bu.	3.29	4.27	4.66	3.25	3.65	4.34	9.07
Barley (All)	Bu.	2.04	2.57	2.94	4.78	3.68	3.54	10.10
Hay, Baled; All ^{3/}	Ton	125.00	129.00	146.00	105.00	111.00	111.00	—
Alfalfa ^{3/}	Ton	170.00	165.00	178.00	109.00	116.00	117.00	—
Other ^{3/}	Ton	120.00	125.00	142.00	97.10	96.10	95.20	—
All Tobacco	Lb.	--	--	--	--	--	--	—
Peanuts	Lb.	0.246	0.231	0.184	0.233	0.207	0.204	0.707
Soybeans	Bu.	9.50	9.99	10.06	9.75	10.10	9.94	22.30
Apples, For Fresh Use	Lb.	0.325	0.42	0.38	0.357	0.317	0.349	0.805
Potatoes	Cwt.	--	--	--	8.27	7.78	7.58	20.30
Oats	Bu.	2.42	2.42	2.50	1.82	2.09	2.16	5.95
Beef Cattle ^{10/}	Cwt.	75.40	88.20	89.80	80.50	93.50	94.40	249.00
Cows	Cwt.	42.40	50.70	50.00	44.30	58.40	56.60	—
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	84.70	105.00	101.00	85.50	98.00	99.30	—
Calves	Cwt.	94.40	115.00	115.00	105.00	121.00	120.00	351.00
Hogs (All)	Cwt.	--	--	--	37.70	61.30	60.90	135.00
Milk: All, Wholesale ^{4/ 8/}	Cwt.	15.20	19.80	20.00	13.00	16.70	17.20	44.60
Fluid Consumption ^{8/}	Cwt.	15.20	19.80	20.00	13.00	16.70	17.20	—
Manufacture ^{8/}	Cwt.	--	--	--	12.40	15.10	16.20	—
Market Eggs ^{3/ 5/}	Doz.	0.70	0.87	0.62	0.571	0.624	0.446	2.22
Broilers, Live ^{6/}	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	0.420	0.480	0.500	—
Turkeys, Live ^{3/ 6/}	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	0.485	0.668	0.687	1.37

-- No sales indicated or not available. 1/ Current month prices are mid-month prices, other months are entire month prices except where noted. 2/ Parity price is for All Wheat. 3/ All prices are mid-month. 4/ Before deductions for hauling and govt. withholding, but includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 5/ Includes eggs sold retail by the producer. 6/ Equivalent live weight returns to producers for most states. 7/ Discontinued. 8/ September 2010 fat test percent: all milk 3.59, fluid milk 3.58, mfg. grade 3.95. 9/ Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived by dividing the average of 10 seasons average prices 1996 – 2005, including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations, by 716 percent (120-month, Jan 1996–Dec 2005 average of the index of prices received by farmers adjusted to include an allowance for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments) unless otherwise noted.

10/ "Cows" and "Steers and Heifers" combined.

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